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(Reflecting the actions of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 11, 2007)

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Veterans’ Health Care Improvement Act of 2007”.

6       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7       this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Grants for support of therapeutic readjustment programs for veterans.

Sec. 3. Transportation grants for rural veterans service organizations.

- Sec. 4. Permanent treatment authority for participants in Department of Defense chemical and biological testing conducted by Deseret Test Center (including Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense).
- Sec. 5. Extension of expiring collections authorities.
- Sec. 6. Readjustment and mental health services for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans.
- Sec. 7. Expansion and extension of authority for program of referral and counseling services for at-risk veterans transitioning from certain institutions.
- Sec. 8. Permanent authority for domiciliary services for homeless veterans and enhancement of capacity of domiciliary care programs for female veterans.
- Sec. 9. Financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing.
- Sec. 10. Expansion of eligibility for dental care.
- Sec. 11. Technical amendments.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR SUPPORT OF THERAPEUTIC READ-**  
2 **JUSTMENT PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subchapter II of chapter 5  
4 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
5 after section 521 the following new section:

6 **“§ 521A. Assistance to therapeutic readjustment pro-**  
7 **grams**

8 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Veterans  
9 Affairs may make grants to qualified entities described in  
10 subsection (b) to conduct workshop programs that have  
11 been shown to assist in the therapeutic readjustment and  
12 rehabilitation of participants to assist in the therapeutic  
13 readjustment of covered veterans.

14 “(b) QUALIFIED ENTITIES.—In order to qualify for  
15 grant assistance under subsection (a), a private nonprofit  
16 entity must have, as determined by the Secretary, experi-  
17 ence and expertise in offering programs to assist in the

1 therapeutic readjustment of participants and that such  
2 programs will likely assist covered veterans.

3 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT; USE OF FUNDS.—A grant  
4 under this section shall not exceed \$100,000 for any cal-  
5 endar year and shall be used by the recipient exclusively  
6 for the benefit of covered veterans.

7 “(d) APPLICATION.—An application for a grant  
8 under this section shall include details regarding the ex-  
9 tent and nature of the proposed program, the therapeutic  
10 readjustment and rehabilitation benefits expected to be  
11 achieved by participants, and any other information the  
12 Secretary determines may be necessary to assist the Sec-  
13 retary in ensuring that covered veterans receive thera-  
14 peutic readjustment and rehabilitation benefits.

15 “(e) COVERED VETERANS.—For the purposes of this  
16 subsection, a ‘covered veteran’ is a veteran who served on  
17 active duty in a theater of combat operations (as deter-  
18 mined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary  
19 of Defense) during a period of war after the Persian Gulf  
20 War, or in combat against a hostile force during a period  
21 of hostilities (as defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this  
22 title) after November 11, 1998, and who is discharged or  
23 released from active military, naval, or air service on or  
24 after September 11, 2001.

1       “(f) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the last  
2 day of a fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
3 mittees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of  
4 Representatives a report detailing the number and amount  
5 of grants made under this section during the previous fis-  
6 cal year, the total number of covered veterans partici-  
7 pating in workshop programs funded by such grants, a  
8 description of the programs, and the therapeutic benefits  
9 to covered veterans of participation in the various pro-  
10 grams funded.

11       “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
12 is authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years  
13 2008 through 2011 \$2,000,000 to carry out this section.

14       “(h) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary  
15 to make a grant under subsection (a) shall terminate on  
16 September 30, 2011.”.

17       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
19 after the item relating to section 521 the following new  
20 item:

“521A. Assistance to therapeutic readjustment programs.”.

21       **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION GRANTS FOR RURAL VETERANS**  
22                               **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.**

23       (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subchapter I of chapter 17  
24 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
25 the end the following new section:

1   **“§ 1709. Grants for provision of transportation to de-**  
2                   **partment medical facilities for veterans**  
3                   **in remote rural areas**

4           “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—(1) The Secretary shall  
5 establish a grant program to provide innovative transpor-  
6 tation options to veterans in remote rural areas.

7           “(2) Grants awarded under this section may be used  
8 by State veterans’ service agencies, veterans service orga-  
9 nizations, and private nonprofit entities to assist veterans  
10 in remote rural areas to travel to Department medical fa-  
11 cilities.

12          “(3) The amount of a grant under this section may  
13 not exceed \$50,000.

14          “(4) The recipient of a grant under this section shall  
15 not be required to provide matching funds as a condition  
16 for receiving such grant.

17          “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
18 regulations for—

19               “(1) evaluating grant applications under this  
20 section; and

21               “(2) otherwise administering the program es-  
22 tablished by this section.

23          “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of  
25 fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry out this section.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
3 after the item relating to section 1708 the following new  
4 item:

“1709. Grants for provision of transportation to Department medical facilities  
for veterans in remote rural areas.”.

5 **SEC. 4. PERMANENT TREATMENT AUTHORITY FOR PAR-**  
6 **TICIPANTS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
7 **CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TESTING CON-**  
8 **DUCTED BY DESERET TEST CENTER (INCLUD-**  
9 **ING PROJECT SHIPBOARD HAZARD AND DE-**  
10 **FENSE).**

11 Section 1710(e)(3) of title 38, United States Code,  
12 is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”  
14 after the semicolon;

15 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and”  
16 and inserting a period; and

17 (3) by striking subparagraph (D).

18 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING COLLECTIONS AUTHORI-**  
19 **TIES.**

20 (a) HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS.—Section  
21 1710(f)(2)(B) is amended by striking “2007” and insert-  
22 ing “2009”.

1 (b) MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY.—Section  
2 1729(a)(2)(E) is amended by striking “2007” and insert-  
3 ing “2009”.

4 **SEC. 6. READJUSTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
5 **FOR COVERED VETERANS.**

6 (a) PROVISION OF READJUSTMENT COUNSELING  
7 AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.—Subchapter II of  
8 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended  
9 by inserting after section 1712B the following new section:  
10 **“§ 1712C. Provision of readjustment counseling and**  
11 **mental health services for covered vet-**  
12 **erans**

13 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall  
14 carry out a program to provide peer outreach services,  
15 peer support services, and readjustment and mental health  
16 services to covered veterans.

17 “(b) CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY MENTAL  
18 HEALTH CENTERS.—In carrying out the program re-  
19 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary shall contract with  
20 community mental health centers and other qualified enti-  
21 ties to provide the services referred to in that paragraph  
22 in areas the Secretary determines are not adequately  
23 served by health care facilities of the Department. Such  
24 contracts shall require each community health center or  
25 other entity—

1 “(1) to the extent practicable, to employ covered vet-  
2 erans trained under subsection (c);

3 “(2) to the extent practicable, to use telehealth serv-  
4 ices for the provision of such services;

5 “(3) to participate in the training program under  
6 subsection (d);

7 “(4) to comply with applicable protocols of the De-  
8 partment before incurring any liability on behalf of the  
9 Department for the provision of such the services;

10 “(5) to submit annual reports to the Secretary con-  
11 taining, with respect to the program required by sub-  
12 section (a) and for the last full calendar year ending before  
13 the submission of such report—

14 “(A) the number of veterans served, veterans  
15 diagnosed, and courses of treatment provided to vet-  
16 erans as part of the program required by subsection  
17 (a); and

18 “(B) demographic information for such serv-  
19 ices, diagnoses, and courses of treatment;

20 “(6) to provide to the Secretary such clinical sum-  
21 mary information as the Secretary may require for each  
22 veteran for whom the center or entity provides mental  
23 health services under the contract; and

24 “(7) to meet such other requirements as the Sec-  
25 retary may require.



1       “(c) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS.—In car-  
2 rying out the program required by subsection (a), the Sec-  
3 retary shall contract with a nonprofit mental health orga-  
4 nization to carry out a program to train covered veterans  
5 to provide peer outreach and peer support services.

6       “(d) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CLINICIANS.—The  
7 Secretary shall conduct a training program for clinicians  
8 of community mental health centers or other entities that  
9 have entered into contracts with the Secretary under sub-  
10 section (b) to ensure that such clinicians are able to pro-  
11 vide the services required by subsection (a) in a manner  
12 that—

13       “(1) recognizes factors that are unique to the experi-  
14 ence of veterans who served on active duty in Operation  
15 Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom (including  
16 the combat and military training experiences of such vet-  
17 erans); and

18       “(2) utilizes best practices and technologies.

19       “(e) COVERED VETERANS.—For the purposes of this  
20 subsection, a ‘covered veteran’ is a veteran who served on  
21 active duty in a theater of combat operations (as deter-  
22 mined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary  
23 of Defense) during a period of war after the Persian Gulf  
24 War, or in combat against a hostile force during a period  
25 of hostilities (as defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this

1 title) after November 11, 1998, and who is discharged or  
2 released from active military, naval, or air service on or  
3 after September 11, 2001.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
6 after the item relating to section 1712B the following new  
7 item:

“1712C. Provision of readjustment counseling and mental health services for  
covered veterans.”.

8 **SEC. 7. EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR**  
9 **PROGRAM OF REFERRAL AND COUNSELING**  
10 **SERVICES FOR AT-RISK VETERANS**  
11 **TRANSITIONING FROM CERTAIN INSTITU-**  
12 **TIONS.**

13 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of section  
14 2023 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
15 ing “a demonstration program for the purpose of deter-  
16 mining the costs and benefits of providing” and inserting  
17 “a program to provide”.

18 (b) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.—Subsection (b) of such  
19 section is amended—

20 (1) by striking “DEMONSTRATION” in the sub-  
21 section heading;

22 (2) by striking “demonstration”; and

23 (3) by striking “in at least six locations” and  
24 inserting “in at least 12 locations”.

1 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Subsection (d) of  
2 such section is amended by striking “shall cease” and all  
3 that follows and inserting “shall cease on September 30,  
4 2011.”.

5 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.—Subsection (c)(1) of  
7 such section is amended by striking “demonstra-  
8 tion”.

9 (2) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such  
10 section is amended to read as follows:

11 **“§ 2023. Referral and counseling services: veterans at**  
12 **risk of homelessness who are**  
13 **transitioning from certain institutions”.**

14 (3) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Sec-  
15 tion 2022(f)(2)(C) of such title is amended by strik-  
16 ing “demonstration”.

17 (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended  
19 by striking the item relating to section 2023 and inserting  
20 the following new item:

“2023. Referral and counseling services: veterans at risk of homelessness who  
are transitioning from certain institutions.”.

1 **SEC. 8. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR DOMICILIARY SERV-**  
2 **ICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND EN-**  
3 **HANCEMENT OF CAPACITY OF DOMICILIARY**  
4 **CARE PROGRAMS FOR FEMALE VETERANS.**

5 Subsection (b) of section 2043 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(b) **ENHANCEMENT OF CAPACITY OF DOMICILIARY**  
8 **CARE PROGRAMS FOR FEMALE VETERANS.**—The Sec-  
9 retary shall take appropriate actions to ensure that the  
10 domiciliary care programs of the Department are ade-  
11 quate, with respect to capacity and safety, to meet the  
12 needs of veterans who are women.”.

13 **SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERV-**  
14 **ICES FOR VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMI-**  
15 **LIES IN PERMANENT HOUSING.**

16 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to fa-  
17 cilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-  
18 income veteran families in permanent housing.

19 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**—

20 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter V of chapter 20  
21 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
22 ing at the end the following new section:

23 **“§ 2044. Financial assistance for supportive services**  
24 **for very low-income veteran families re-**  
25 **siding in permanent housing**

26 **“(a) DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**—

1           “(1) The Secretary shall provide financial as-  
2           sistance to eligible entities approved under this sec-  
3           tion to provide and coordinate the provision of the  
4           supportive services for very low-income veteran fami-  
5           lies residing in permanent housing.

6           “(2)(A) Financial assistance under this section  
7           shall consist of payments for each such family for  
8           which an approved eligible entity provides or coordi-  
9           nates the provision of supportive services.

10          “(B) The Secretary shall establish a formula  
11          for determining the rate of payments provided to a  
12          very low-income veteran family receiving supportive  
13          services under this section. The rate shall be ad-  
14          justed not less than once annually to reflect changes  
15          in the cost of living. In calculating the payment for-  
16          mula under this subparagraph, the Secretary may  
17          consider geographic cost of living variances, family  
18          size, and the cost of services provided.

19          “(3) In providing financial assistance under  
20          paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give preference to  
21          an entity that provides or coordinates the provision  
22          of supportive services for very low-income veteran  
23          families who are transitioning from homelessness to  
24          permanent housing.

1           “(4) The Secretary shall ensure that, to the ex-  
2           tent practicable, financial assistance under this sub-  
3           section is equitably distributed across geographic re-  
4           gions, including rural communities and tribal lands.

5           “(5) Each entity receiving financial assistance  
6           under this section to provide supportive services to  
7           a very low-income veteran family shall notify the  
8           family that such services are being paid for, in whole  
9           or in part, by the Department.

10          “(6) The Secretary may require an entity re-  
11          ceiving financial assistance under this section to sub-  
12          mit a report to the Secretary describing the sup-  
13          portive services provided with such financial assist-  
14          ance.

15          “(b) APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

16          “(1) An eligible entity seeking financial assist-  
17          ance under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-  
18          retary an application in such form, in such manner,  
19          and containing such commitments and information  
20          as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

21          “(2) An application submitted under paragraph  
22          (1) shall contain—

23                  “(A) a description of the supportive serv-  
24                  ices proposed to be provided by the eligible enti-  
25                  ty;

1           “(B) a description of the types of very low-  
2 income veteran families proposed to be provided  
3 such services;

4           “(C) an estimate of the number of very  
5 low-income veteran families proposed to be pro-  
6 vided such services;

7           “(D) evidence of the experience of the eli-  
8 gible entity in providing supportive services to  
9 very low-income veteran families; and

10          “(E) a description of the managerial ca-  
11 pacity of the eligible entity to—

12           “(i) coordinate the provision of sup-  
13 portive services with the provision of per-  
14 manent housing, by the eligible entity or  
15 by other organizations;

16           “(ii) continuously assess the needs of  
17 very low-income veteran families for sup-  
18 portive services;

19           “(iii) coordinate the provision of sup-  
20 portive services with the services of the De-  
21 partment;

22           “(iv) tailor supportive services to the  
23 needs of very low-income veteran families;  
24 and

1 “(v) continuously seek new sources of  
2 assistance to ensure the long-term provi-  
3 sion of supportive services to very low-in-  
4 come veteran families.

5 “(3) The Secretary shall establish criteria for  
6 the selection of eligible entities to receive financial  
7 assistance under this section.

8 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

9 “(1) The Secretary shall provide training and  
10 technical assistance to eligible entities that receive  
11 financial assistance under this section with respect  
12 to the planning, development, and provision of sup-  
13 portive services to very low-income veteran families  
14 occupying permanent housing.

15 “(2) The Secretary may provide the training  
16 described in paragraph (1) directly or through  
17 grants or contracts with appropriate public or non-  
18 profit private entities.

19 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 is authorized to be appropriated, for each fiscal year,  
21 \$25,000,000, to carry out this section, of which not more  
22 than \$750,000 for each fiscal year may be used to provide  
23 technical assistance under subsection (c).

24 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:



1           “(1) The term ‘very low-income veteran family’  
2           means a veteran family whose income does not ex-  
3           ceed 50 percent of the median income for the area,  
4           as determined by the Secretary in accordance with  
5           this paragraph, except that—

6                   “(A) the Secretary shall make appropriate  
7                   adjustments to the income requirement under  
8                   subparagraph (A) based on family size; and

9                   “(B) the Secretary may establish an in-  
10                  come ceiling higher or lower than 50 percent of  
11                  the median income for an area if the Secretary  
12                  determines that such variations are necessary  
13                  because the area has unusually high or low con-  
14                  struction costs, fair market rents (as deter-  
15                  mined under section 8 of the United States  
16                  Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f)), or  
17                  family incomes.

18                  “(C) the Secretary shall establish criteria  
19                  for determining the need for specific supportive  
20                  services (as defined by paragraph (8)) of indi-  
21                  vidual very low income veteran families occu-  
22                  pying permanent housing.

23           “(2) The term ‘veteran family’ includes a vet-  
24           eran who is a single person and a family in which

1 the head of household or the spouse of the head of  
2 household is a veteran.

3 “(3) The term ‘consumer cooperative’ has the  
4 meaning given such term in section 202 of the  
5 Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q).

6 “(4) The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

7 “(A) a private nonprofit organization; or

8 “(B) a consumer cooperative.

9 “(5) The term ‘homeless’ has the meaning  
10 given the term in section 103 of the McKinney-  
11 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)).

12 “(6) The term ‘permanent housing’ means com-  
13 munity-based housing without a designated length of  
14 stay.

15 “(7) The term ‘private nonprofit organization’  
16 means—

17 “(A) any incorporated private institution  
18 or foundation—

19 “(i) no part of the net earnings of  
20 which inures to the benefit of any member,  
21 founder, contributor, or individual;

22 “(ii) which has a governing board that  
23 is responsible for the operation of the sup-  
24 portive services provided under this sec-  
25 tion; and

1 “(iii) which is approved by the Sec-  
2 retary as to financial responsibility;

3 “(B) a for-profit limited partnership, the  
4 sole general partner of which is an organization  
5 meeting the requirements of clauses (i), (ii),  
6 and (iii) of subparagraph (A);

7 “(C) a corporation wholly owned and con-  
8 trolled by an organization meeting the require-  
9 ments of clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subpara-  
10 graph (A); and

11 “(D) a tribally designated housing entity  
12 (as defined in section 4 of the Native American  
13 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act  
14 of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)).

15 “(8) The term ‘supportive services’ means the  
16 following:

17 “(A) Services provided by an eligible entity  
18 or subcontractors that address the needs of very  
19 low-income veteran families occupying perma-  
20 nent housing, including—

21 “(i) outreach services;

22 “(ii) health care services, including di-  
23 agnosis, treatment, and counseling for  
24 mental health and substance abuse dis-  
25 orders and for post-traumatic stress dis-

1 order, if such services are not readily avail-  
2 able through the Department of Veterans  
3 Affairs medical center serving the geo-  
4 graphic area in which the veteran family is  
5 housed;

6 “(iii) habilitation and rehabilitation  
7 services;

8 “(iv) case management services;

9 “(v) daily living services;

10 “(vi) personal financial planning;

11 “(vii) transportation services;

12 “(viii) vocational counseling;

13 “(ix) employment and training;

14 “(x) educational services;

15 “(xi) assistance in obtaining veterans  
16 benefits and other public benefits, includ-  
17 ing health care provided by the Depart-  
18 ment;

19 “(xii) assistance in obtaining income  
20 support;

21 “(xiii) assistance in obtaining health  
22 insurance;

23 “(xiv) fiduciary and representative  
24 payee services;

1           “(xv) legal services to assist the vet-  
2           eran family with reconsiderations or ap-  
3           peals of veterans and public benefit claim  
4           denials and to resolve outstanding war-  
5           rants that interfere with the family’s abil-  
6           ity to obtain or retain housing or sup-  
7           portive services;

8           “(xvi) child care;

9           “(xvii) housing counseling;

10          “(xviii) other services necessary for  
11          maintaining independent living; and

12          “(xix) coordination of services de-  
13          scribed in this paragraph.

14          “(B) Services provided by an eligible entity  
15          or subcontractors, including services described  
16          in clauses (i) through (xix) of subparagraph  
17          (A), that are delivered to very low-income vet-  
18          eran families who are homeless and who are  
19          scheduled to become residents of permanent  
20          housing within 90 days of the date on which the  
21          service is provided pending the location or de-  
22          velopment of housing suitable for permanent  
23          housing.

24          “(C) Services provided by an eligible entity  
25          or subcontractors, including services described

1 in clauses (i) through (xix) of subparagraph  
2 (A), for very low-income veteran families who  
3 have voluntarily chosen to seek other housing  
4 after a period of tenancy in permanent housing,  
5 that are provided, for a period of 90 days be-  
6 ginning on the date on which such a family  
7 exits permanent housing or until such a family  
8 commences receipt of other housing services  
9 adequate to meet the needs of the family, but  
10 only to the extent that services under this para-  
11 graph are designed to support such a family in  
12 the choice to transition into housing that is re-  
13 sponsive to the individual needs and preferences  
14 of the family”.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
16 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
17 by inserting after the item relating to section 2043  
18 the following new item:

“2044. Financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing.”.

19 **SEC. 10. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTAL CARE.**

20 Section 2062(b) of title 38, United States Code, is  
21 amended by striking “60 consecutive days” both places  
22 it appears and inserting “30 consecutive days”.

23 **SEC. 11. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

24 Title 38, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in each of sections 1708(d), 7314(f),  
2 7320(j)(2), 7325(i)(2), and 7328(i)(2), by striking  
3 “medical care account” and inserting “medical serv-  
4 ices account”;

5 (2) in section 1710A—

6 (A) by striking subsection (g);

7 (B) by redesignating subsections (d)  
8 through (i) as subsections (c) through (f), re-  
9 spectively; and

10 (C) in subsection (f), as so redesignated,  
11 by striking “(including a Resource Center des-  
12 ignated under subsection (h)(3)(A) of this sec-  
13 tion)”;

14 (3) in section 2065(b)(3), by striking “”;

15 (4) in the table of sections at the beginning of  
16 chapter 36, by striking the item relating to section  
17 3684A and inserting the following new item:

“3684A. Procedures relating to computer matching program.”;

18 (5) in section 3684(a)(1), by striking “34,,”  
19 and inserting “34,”;

20 (6) in section 4110(c)(1), by striking “15” and  
21 inserting “16”;

22 (7) in the table of sections at the beginning of  
23 chapter 51, by striking the item relating to section  
24 5121 and inserting the following new item:

“5121. Payment of certain accrued benefits upon death of a beneficiary.”;

- 1           (8) in section 7458(b)(2), by striking “pro  
2       rated” and inserting “pro-rated”; and  
3           (9) in section 8117(a)(1), by striking “such  
4       such” and inserting “such”.